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Presidential Preference Election (PPE)

Who Can Vote in the PPE?

A Cochise County registered voter who is registered with a state-recognized political party that has a presidential candidate *who is participating in the Arizona Presidential Preference Election* may vote in the PPE. For the 2016 PPE this means that only voters who are registered as Republican, Democrat or Green Party members can vote in this election. *Persons registered to vote as an Independent, No Party Preference, No Party Designated or Other, will not be able to vote in the PPE election.*

If you are currently registered as an Independent or 'other', and wish to vote in the PPE, you may change your registration on or before February 22, 2016 and register as one of the eligible parties (Republican, Democratic or Green) in order to cast a ballot. (You may change your registration back to your original status following the PPE election, if you wish.)

For additional information about the PPE, please contact the Elections Department @ 520-432-8970.

For further information about your voter registration status, or to CHANGE your voter registration, please contact the County Recorder's Office @ 520-432-8358.

What is the PPE?

The Arizona Presidential Preference Election is not a definitive election. By that, we mean that *no one actually gets elected through the PPE process*. When the PPE is over, we still do not know who will be elected president. The PPE is more of a poll of voters' preferences about which candidate they favor within their party, at a given point in time.

What the PPE election *does* do is that it indicates to the party delegates from the State of Arizona, which presidential candidate of their party the voters *prefer* to have that delegate cast their vote for at the party Convention. Keep in mind though that sometimes a presidential candidate is no longer in the race by the time the Convention is held. In the case of Arizona delegates, this means that they can cast their vote for any remaining candidate of their party.

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